

Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Committee of CAPP
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Committee members present: Aimee Baxter, Chair; Deena Schuppe, Nick Nelson, Vice Chair; Nora Taylor, Linda Fuller, alternate

Public present: Jan Smith

Aimee Baxter called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

Agreement to move agenda item 5: Talk with Mike Anderson, Chair, Housing Authority Committee up on the agenda.

Mike Anderson, chairman of the 3 person Madeline Island Eligibility advisory committee for Ashland County Housing Authority, (ACHA) presented a history of the present 4-plex housing unit that exists on the island. Mike clarified that the current 4-plex is funded by Farmers Home Administration. The 3 members of the current Madeline Island Eligibility Advisory Committee are: Mike Anderson, Marcia Coleman and Keith Sowl.

Mike presented an overview of ACHA. Mike also described how persons interested in ACHA public housing can obtain an ACHA housing application form from him. Mike told us that he does nothing with the application other than to send it directly to ACHA, if a person gives him a completed application. Persons may also just send the applications directly to ACHA.

Mike described the function of the eligibility committee as that of sorting out the island's priorities for providing public housing opportunities, once ACHA has processed the application and notified the committee of the potential approved applicants.

Jan Smith commented that having to obtain an ACHA application from a person that is also Chief of Police might be a barrier for some persons to come forward and make the request or to initiate the process with the ACHA, due to the sensitivity of the information that is contained on the application form.

We discussed a need for improving the exchange of information between ACHA and our committee members. Mike suggested an in-person visit to one of the ACHA meeting in Mellen might help with this.

Minutes.

Motion by N. Nelson to accept the affordable housing committee minutes from August 3, 2009, August 10, 2009, August 17, 2009, and September 14, 2009 as submitted. Second, A. Baxter. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

Nick brought up the deadline for the Gazette, and discussed content ideas for an article in the upcoming issues. Nick offered to write an article that would present an overview of what our committee has been working on, as well as a summary of results from the housing survey that we sent out this summer. After discussing this, we agreed that a

quote from Denise Lutz, ACHA, would be needed to adequately clarify ACHA's current construction plans regarding further public housing on the island. Linda agreed to contact Denise and request that, and get the quote to Nick.

Janice, from WHEDA, is planning to come to the island on Friday, as is a potential developer, Tom Landgraf. Deena and Nick plan to meet with them to look at some land that could possibly be developed for affordable housing. Denise has also expressed that she could possibly come to the island that day, so it's possible she could be there.

The date for our next meeting was set for Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 6:00 pm.

A. Baxter moved to adjourn, second by Nick Nelson. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Fuller, though Nora Taylor is on tape as the minute taker. Motions taken from recorder by Kathy Erickson, Clerical Assistant.

Minutes approved as presented January 22, 2009